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Attorney General John Ashcroft
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

Since the suit was brought up, three years ago, the market went down and it never recovered. Let say that Microsoft is like a good quarterback, and the industry is the team. The team (industry) wants to hurt its quarterback (Microsoft), and when the team succeeds in causing harm to its quarterback, it wonders why did not do so well. So this suit is like a losing game for the industry. Carrying on litigation against Microsoft causes harm to the industry. Thus the settlement reached between Microsoft and the Justice Department must be finalized so the team (industry) can get back to scoring.

The settlement might be a 15-yard penalty, but not to settle would mean forfeiting the game altogether. The settlement instructs Microsoft to make all future versions of its Windows OS to be compatible to non-Microsoft software. Moreover, Microsoft has also agreed not to retaliate against any computer makers that would want to ship software that would compete with Windows, such as products from AOL.

As fan of Microsoft and the industry, I must urge you to referee this case fairly. I recommend that you make certain that this settlement is confirmed, and the nation turns to focus on other pressing issues.

Sincerely,

Krimo Salem
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